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IN THE SUPREME COURT
STATE OF ARIZONA

Sua Sponte Petition to Amend)	
Rule 31.12, Arizona Rules of)	Arizona Supreme Court
Criminal Procedure,)	No. _____
and)	
Rule 6(c), Rules of Civil Appellate)	
Procedure)	
_____)	

Pursuant to Rule 28(B), Rules of the Supreme Court, an amendment to Rule 31.12, Arizona Rules of Criminal Procedure, and Rule 6(c), Rules of Civil Appellate Procedure, is proposed as set forth in Attachment A hereto. The proposal would require that paper-filed documents contain paragraph numbers, as set forth in Rule 124(f), Rules of the Supreme Court, for electronically-filed documents. The proposed amendment takes into account that many paper documents are currently being scanned to make them accessible to the Court in electronic format.

DATED this _____ day of January, 2010.

By:

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Attachment A

Arizona Rules of Criminal Procedure

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Rule 31.12. Form of motions

All papers relating to motions may be produced by any process that results in a clear black image on white paper, including typing, printing, or photocopying. The paper must be white, opaque and unglazed, and only one side of the paper may be used. Motion papers shall be on paper 8 1/2 by 11 inches and shall contain a caption setting forth the name of the court, the title of the case, the case number, and a brief descriptive title. Text shall be double-spaced; headings, quotations and footnotes may be indented and single-spaced. Paragraphs shall be numbered as required by Rule 124(f), Rules of the Supreme Court, whether or not the document is electronic. Either a proportionately spaced typeface of 14 points or more, or a monospaced typeface of no more than 10 1/2 characters per inch, shall be used for text, quotations, and footnotes. A proportionately spaced typeface has characters with different widths (e.g., an acceptable proportionately spaced typeface is Times New Roman, 14 point). A monospaced typeface has characters with the same advanced width (e.g., an acceptable monospaced typeface is Courier New, 12 point). All margins must be at least 1 inch. Page numbers shall be placed in the bottom margin, but no text or footnotes may appear there. Text shall be in roman, non-script text, although italics, underline, or bold may be used for emphasis. Case names and signals shall be underlined or in italics. Headings shall be underlined, in italics, or in bold. All parties must file the original and four copies of all motions filed in the Court of Appeals and the original and seven copies of all motions filed in the Supreme Court.

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Rules of Civil Appellate Procedure

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Rule 6. Motions

(a)-(b) [No change in text.]

(c) Form of Motion Papers. All papers relating to motions may be produced by any process that results in a clear black image on white paper, including typing, printing, or photocopying. The paper must be white, opaque and unglazed, and only one side of the paper may be used. Motion papers shall be on paper 8 1/2 by 11 inches and shall contain a caption setting forth the name of the court, the title of the case, the case number and a brief descriptive title. Text shall be double-spaced; headings, quotations and footnotes may be indented and single-spaced. Paragraphs shall be numbered as required by Rule 124(f), Rules of the Supreme Court, whether or not the document is electronic. Either a proportionately spaced typeface of 14 points or more, or a monospaced typeface of no more than 10 1/2 characters per inch, shall be used for text, quotations, and footnotes. A proportionately spaced typeface has characters with different widths (e.g., an acceptable proportionately spaced typeface is Times New Roman, 14 point). A monospaced typeface has characters with the same advanced width (e.g., an acceptable monospaced typeface is Courier New, 12 point). All margins must be at least 1 inch. Page numbers shall be placed in the bottom margin, but no text or footnotes may appear there. Text shall be in roman, non-script text, although italics, underline, or bold may be used for emphasis. Case names and signals shall be underlined or in italics. Headings shall be underlined, in italics, or in bold.

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